

# STRANGE NOTES



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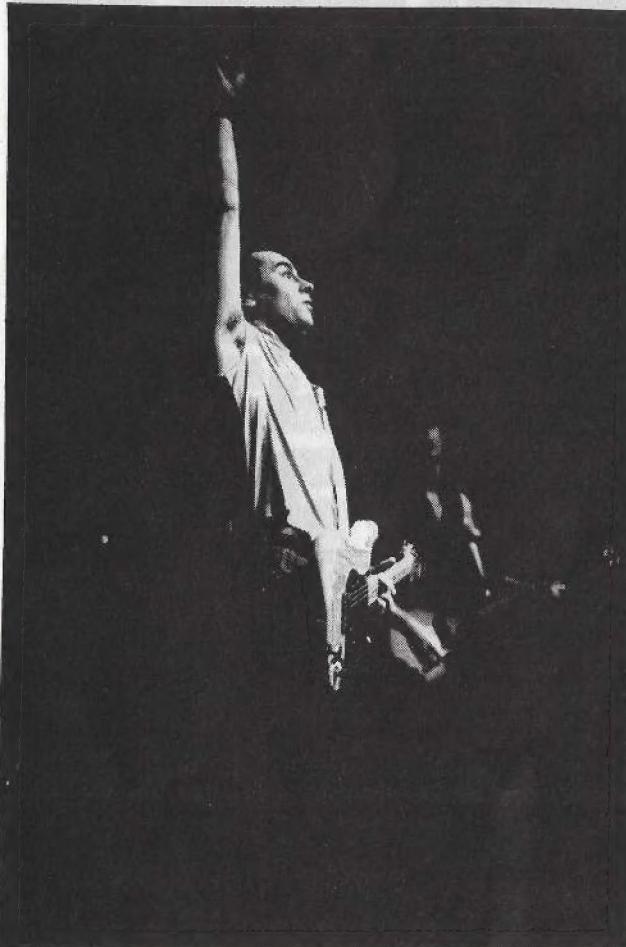
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Gavin O'Brien	Steve Kobata
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Mild Vuckovich	Scott Graves

COVER: Eddie Murphy's friend, Christian Hosoi at Vans.  
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Photo: Bales



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Deck, T-shirt, Decal  
10.0 x 30.5



KENDALL  
SMALL  
Deck, T-shirt, Decal  
10.0 x 30.5  
7/Ply & Blacktop

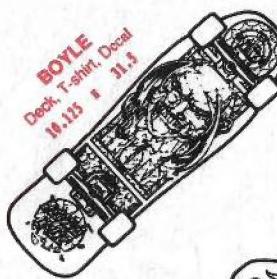
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Height: 1.5  
Weight: 1.5  
Ply: 7  
Blacktop: Yes

DRESSSEN & KNOX  
DECKS:  
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KENDALL  
LARGE  
Deck, Decal  
10.0 x 31.5



BOYLE  
Deck, T-shirt, Decal  
10.125 x 31.5



## SANTA CRUZ DECK MANUFACTURING

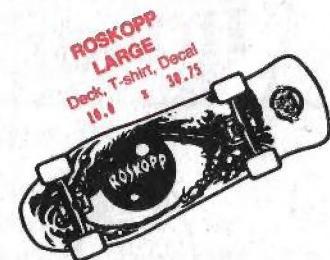
Our skateboard decks are laminated **strong** using the **finest lightweight maple panels** available and the most advanced laminating process. Year after year our boards become stronger and more advanced as we research and test new laminating techniques, concaves, wood layups and materials.



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Deck, T-shirt, Decal  
10.25 x 31.5



MEYER  
FREESTYLE  
Deck  
7.25" X 27.25"



ROSKOPP  
LARGE  
Deck, T-shirt, Decal  
10.0 x 30.75



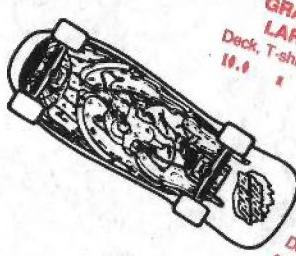
CREEP  
Deck, T-shirt, Decal  
10.0 x 31.5



SALBA  
Deck, T-shirt, Decal  
10.25 x 31.5



GRABKE  
LARGE  
Deck, T-shirt, Decal  
10.0 x 31.5



GRABKE  
SMALL  
Deck, Decal  
9.75 x 30.0



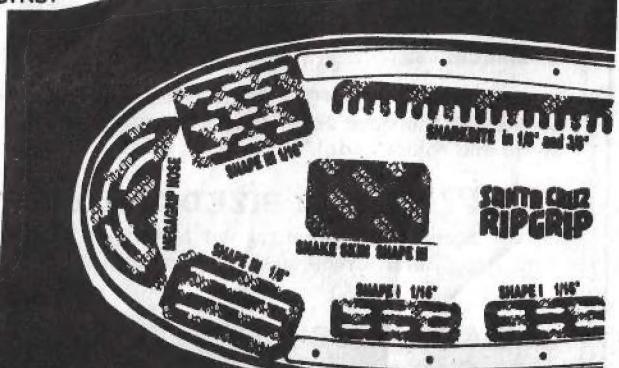
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Deck, Decal  
9.5 x 30.25  
7/Ply & Blacktop

**STRANGE  
NOTES**  
BY SCOTT GRAVES



Rip Grip is an "Elite Urethane" material used for hand grip. It's lightweight and grippy, even when moist and is available in sizes designed for areas of the board where hands and fingers grab. Its flat, thin design allows for grip when and where you need it, without getting in the way or catching. Its instant stick flypaper adhesive stays on and the shapes allow for creative scissor cutting. Rip Grip has been a huge success and has quickly established itself as an essential addition to any skateboard for one simple reason: It works!

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Bearings (8)	12.50

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Bullet 66	Roskopp Eye
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Grabke Clock	Santa Cruz Moon
Hosoi St. Picasso	Santa Cruz Spiral
Hosoi Skyrockets	SC Street Skate
Hosoi St. Mini	Screaming Hand*
Hosoi Ventura	Slimeball Dot*
Independent Dot*	SMA Big Plane
Indy Iron Cross	SpWheels Alien Skull
Jessee Mermaid	SpWheels "This Fast"
Kendall Fiend	Strange Notes
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Santa Cruz, Independent	
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Santa Cruz, Independent,	
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"Speed Freaks" available 10/89.	

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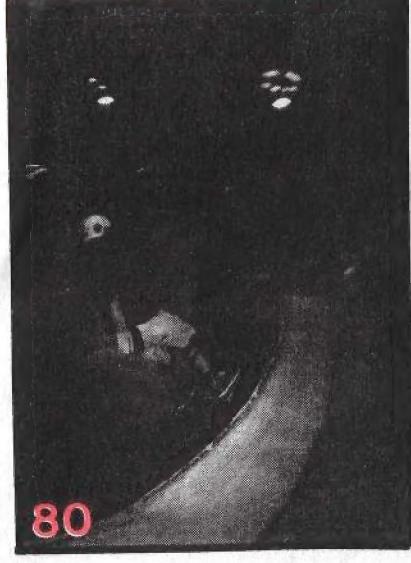
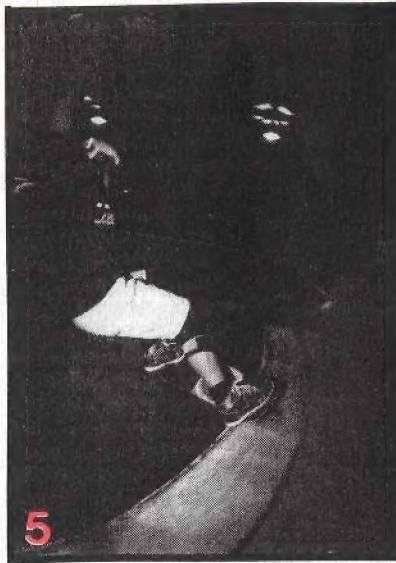
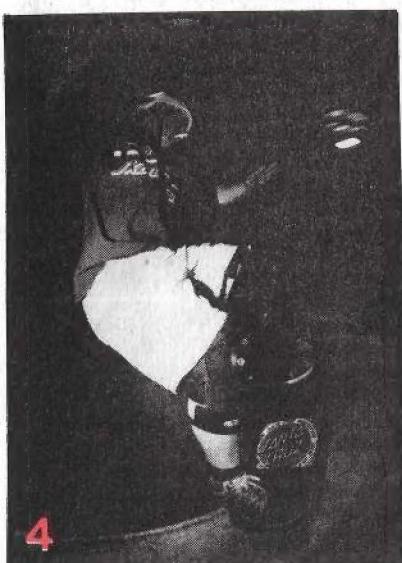
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# ERIC DRESSEN INTERVIEW

After months of rumors that Eric Dressen skipped to Novak's ship, it finally happened in mid August. With a new deck in the works, back to back Street King titles under his belt, and his optimistic outlook, Eric cranks full speed ahead into the 90's. Of course, I had to go and stop him for awhile to do this interview (which he hates doing as much as I hate conducting). Here's what I squeezed out of him:



**My name is Eric Dressen. I used to live in Santa Monica, but I just moved to Venice, California. I ride for Santa Cruz now and am skating The Warehouse.**

**WHAT HAPPENED WITH DOGTOWN?** I just didn't get along with 'em that much, 'n stuff, and had to move on to newer and brighter things.

**DID THEY TREAT YOU WELL?** Yeah, they treated me well....Pretty good over the years.

**WHEN CAN THE SKATERS OF THE WORLD EXPECT YOUR BOARD IN THEIR MITS?**

Pretty soon. Sooner or later, as soon as I get some graphics.

**WHAT WILL THEY LOOK LIKE?** Ummm...I'm not sure yet. They might be Celtic type of designs.

**WHO ARE YOUR OTHER SPONSORS?** Independent and O.J.

**AND YOU HAVE YOUR OWN CLOTHING LINE?** Yeah, sorta.

**WHAT IS IT?** Just some people who sell clothing with my name on it. (Laughs)

**DO YOU LIKE IT?** Some of it. I like the shorts. (More laughs)

**YEAH, THE SHORTS ARE PRETTY FRIGGIN' TOUGH. IS THERE ANYTHING HAPPENING IN SANTA MONICA**

**RIGHT NOW?** No, not really. (Interview continued)

**OH, SO NOT VERY MUCH IS WHAT YOUR SAYING?** There's no ramps or anything near my house. No street skating. (Cops fault - SN) There's a few pools in the valley that I skate. Pools in Brentwood, big pools.

**DO YOU SKATE WITH NATAS?** I haven't seen Natas in about a year.

**THERE'S A LOT OF GREAT STREET SKATERS THAT COME OUT OF THAT AREA (VENICE, SANTA MONICA)?** Yeah. I skate with Tim Jackson alot, and Block, and Scott Oster. We skate together alot. Well, not lately.

**WHY? BECAUSE YOU MOVED TO VENICE, OR YOUR GIRLFRIEND?** Well, both. (Snickering)

**WHEN DID YOU HOOK UP WITH METIVER (THE SPEEDWHEELS GUY)?** Oh, Metiver? Fuck...about six trade shows ago. (More laughs)

**HE JUST MARCHED UP AND SAID "RIDE THESE BABIES"?** Um, he just flowed the Dogtown team some wheels. We were all riding Powell wheels, but we switched over.

**HOW LONG AGO DID YOU GET SPONSORED?** I don't know. Three or four years ago.

**DID YOU LEARN IN THE PARKS?** Oh, when I started skateboarding? Yeah!! Oh, I started skateboarding when I was about seven and a half years old, or even earlier. I remember riding skateboards when I was four years old, but I started skating serious when I was about eight.

**YOU GOT SERIOUS AT EIGHT?** Yeah, well, not really 'serious'. It was my favorite thing to do, so I did it everyday.

**DID YOU EVER DO ANYTHING ELSE?** Surfed a little bit. That's about it.

**ARE THERE ANY RAMPS LEFT AT VENICE BEACH?** No, not really. The police didn't like them there anymore because it draws too big crowds and too many people hang out and make a mess. But it's fun when there are ramps there.

**DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY CONTESTS YOU'VE WON AS A PROFESSIONAL?** I think, four. The first one was in Arizona at Big Surf. The one before that, I got 2nd. Then I won at the San Francisco contest and at the Arizona finals. A couple of weeks ago I won at this contest in Japan. (continued)

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After the Chicago contest, the 'Cruz team booked up to Milwaukee to skate the Turf. It was Eric's first trip there, but it didn't phase him at all. He wired the place in an hour, and broke all speed records in doing so. Keenan sequences.

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**HOW DID YOU DO AS AN AMATEUR? DID YOU CLIMB THE RANKS BEFORE TURNING PRO?**

Yeah, I did. I competed when I was ten years old. I won the California Pool/Halfpipe Championships when I was ten, on the Alva team. I had really long blond hair back then.

**WERE YOU ENTERING STREET CONTESTS?**

No, there wasn't any street style then. We'd skate street, like banks, and skate from one place to another, but I was mostly into pools back then.

**DID YOU TURN PRO AS A POOL RIDER?** Yeah, I guess my first pool contest was the Lakewood Pro, then the Dog-Bowl Pro. But I was only eleven then. (Laughing) I wasn't really making any money, but I entered. I got 24th at the Dog-Bowl, overall, & there was sixty people there.

**THEN THE STREET THING CAME ALONG. SO DID YOU REALLY GET INTO THAT IN ORDER TO COMPETE?** No, I got back into skateboarding because I really missed it and because it was really underground at the time. I just started from scratch again.

**DEMOS. ARE THEY AS FUN AS THEY USED TO BE?** I never really did demos back then. I've only been doing demos the last couple years.

**DO YOU LIKE 'EM?** Sometimes, when there's good things to skate & good people to ride with. Don't like going to demos with a one jump ramp and a million kids waiting for you to ride it.

**ANY PLANS FOR THE COMING YEAR? NOT**  
really. Whenever any contests come along, I'll enter. I pretty much have to.

**VERT COMBACK? DO YOU RIDE VERT STILL?**

When I come to San Jose. I'd like to enter vert contests again, if I had a place to practice where I wouldn't get hurt. I don't get hurt on vert as much as I do skating street or mini ramps.

**OUT OF ALL THE PROS YOU HAVE TO COMPETE AGAINST, WHO DO YOU HAVE MOST RESPECT FOR?** Pretty much everybody.

**WHO'S YOUR MAIN COMPETITION?** I don't know. I just... I don't really look when I go to a contest. I only watch a couple people, just cuz.

**WHAT SORT OF CAR DO YOU HAVE?** A Ford Bronco II.

**DO YOU SKATE EVERYDAY, OR DO YOU DO OTHER THINGS TOO?** I've been traveling a lot lately. I've been coming up north a lot; Japan. I want to go to Brazil and skate all their cement pools and parks. Upland and Marina were my favorite parks.

**ANYTHING ELSE YOU WISH TO SAY?** Just stoked to be on Santa Cruz and I hope I can do good for them.

**THANKS, THAT WAS PAINLESS. \***

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# SOME PRODUCTS



Photo by: Koenig at Buena, Koenig

## STRANGE NOTES VIDEO

Shall we start, say, in the video department? If you haven't seen the video version of STRANGE NOTES 'zine, man, you are missing out. The secret is you can only see it at skate shops that sell SANTA CRUZ skate stuff and that have a VCR/TV combo. It comes out every other month (sort of!) And we are already on #2. It's full of action, pros and ams, skate spots from all over. Help yourself, tell your local shops what's up so you don't miss a thing. We'll send the shop a copy if they have our goods. Get it? Get it!

## SPEED FREAKS VIDEO

Also exploding from your VCR is the NEW video from 'Cruz: SPEED FREAKS, the SPEEDWHEELS SANTA CRUZ team video. It is the killinest assemblage of eye popping skate brethren to date. Features all the SANTA CRUZ pros like Dresen, Knox, Bod, Ffej, Salba, etc., as well as the "Elite" wheel pros from skate world. This ones available at your shops for a new lower video price, so eat it up. It basically rules.

## SANTA CRUZ RIPGRIP

SANTA CRUZ RIPGRIP has a new twist with its peanut holes now punched in shapes I and III. Really grabs those finger tippies and holds 'em solid. Also bubbling from the RipGrip department is *Snakeskin - Superthin*. Really thin with no foam, no holes for those tight slippy places. Sort of like the original grip, way back when. Black only.

## CELLBLOCK "SLIMLINE" RAILS

CELLBLOCK plastics has burped up a new baby to add to the original Cellblock Rails and the HOSOI ROCKET RAILS. SLIMLINE RAILS are what they call 'em and boy, are they unique. Sort of a trapezoidal (whoah) shape and on the thin side. These things are designed to grab like crazy if you put 'em on pointy-side in or, compensate for the deeper concaves if you slap 'em on the other way.

Either way, they slide like there's no tomorrow.

## PADDED CELBLOCKS

PADDED CELBLOCKS are something I just gotta mention again. The best invention since the CELBLOCK III, these simple little shock pads smooth things out like a baby's butt. Just slip 'em under your trucks and they do the rest. They also make harder wheels feel a little smoother. A must have for any ripper-roony! Yeah, Ray and Chris!

## INDEPENDENT TRUCKS

INDEPENDENT TRUCKS rule! Enough about trucks.

## T-SHIRTS

On the softer side of things, SANTA CRUZ has thrown out some of the cleanest t-shirts recently to add to some of the already standard classics. New on the t-shirt block: Bod Boyle, Independent Iron Cross, Hosoi Skyrockets, Strange Notes, SpeedWheels "This Fast", Kendall Fiend, Jesse Mermaid, Sergio Ventura, "Cruz" Ticket, Natas Kitten, Bullet Poison Heart, SpeedWheels Alien Skull and Brains & Barf. See 'em to believe 'em.

## SWEATS

Sweatshirts and sweatpants are here for those chilly sessions. Hooded and crewneck tops in assorted styles and colors along with the standard drawstring bottoms. Clean cotton clothing. Say that 10 times, fast.

## CLOTHING

SANTA CRUZ clothing? What? Clothing? No way, Jose. Not the standard poser, billboard, nerd, MTV Dance Club wear. Just your basic body wraps in pants, shorts and shirt tees. Big, full, roomy, durable and priced right. Small embroidered 'Cruz Dot logo for inconspicuous identification and most importantly, fully skateable.

## SPEEDWHEELS - SPEWAGE AND VOMIT

SPEEDWHEELS SANTA CRUZ has belched up some new chunks "o" urethane for the wheel deal. Spewage and Vomits come up smooth with 62.5 and 60mm diameters respectively. Spewage has a tall thin shape for speed and sliding action.

## OJ II HOSOI 60MM ROCKET

OJ II HOSOI SKYROCKETS has landed a smaller version in a 60mm shape that just may change a few minds. The front graphic is nothing but color, no numbers or letters. They are all squished on the back. A very clean shape and look. Goes by the original name: HOSOI ROCKETS.

## BULLET 63MM

BULLET 63mm is this year's wheel of the century. (Does that make any sense?) Anyway, slam a 66 and a 60 together with a little ink and a dietary supplement and boom, a 63mm BULLET results. Clean and light in all the right places, this is the one to keep your eye on!

## OJ II SLALOM

Sliding into the new decks from SANTA CRUZ, we have one last wheel designed for a new deck. The OJ II SLALOM 61mm with a set of INDEPENDENT 101mm and a GRAPHITE SLALOM deck is all you need for some slalom and speed. Slalom is back! It's never been around for some, but if you want to try something new for a change, slalom is it. Really cleans the sole.

## 'CRUZ MISSILE CONCAVE DECK

The 'CRUZ MISSILE CONCAVE has still proven to be the best design for all around foot hold. Kicked up here and there and just enough for anything thrown at you. It's available on all SANTA CRUZ and SMA decks.

## NATAS KAUPAS SMALL

NEW from SMA is the NATAS SMALL. Growling in a 10" X 30" with a bigger nose, it features the concave mentioned above and some kitty-panther graphics. Keep 'em safe or scrap 'em off. Either way, the NATAS SMALL fits in just fine.

## RAY MEYER FREESTYLE

The RAY MEYER FREESTYLE is NEW for the spinners and flippers in the crowd and it seems to get the job done. Parallel rails, rounded hips and a positive tail flip.

## JEFF KENDALL LARGE

JEFF KENDALL, better known as Kendallica or Mega Jeff to his mom and dad, has rehoned his large shape for a more modern feel. Longer length, bigger nose, trimmed outline. Looks really balanced and tight at 10.0" X 30.5"

## JASON JESSEE

JASON JESSEE has flapped his arms around and reshaped both his decks and slightly changed the graphics. Large is 10.25" X 31.0" and the Small, 10.0" X 30.0". The small board graphics have to be just about the favoritest of the crew at NHS and the new large designs bring Neptune into the world of the illustrated man. Both are designed for rippage.

## BOB BOYLE

BOD BOYLE swam from Great Britain to bring us his version of the perfect wooden animal. 10.125" X 31.0" with that now popular big nose, the deck is a ruler. Stainglass teradactyl graphics with no hidden messages (we hope!) Get on it and see Bod's view for a change.

## ERIC DRESSEN SMALL AND LARGE

Yes, Eric Dresen is on the dot and cruizing hard. Two new decks and graphics have arrived and are clean. 10.0" X 30.25" and 10.0" X 31.0" are the particulars, painted, drilled, screened, the works. Check 'em out. We're stoked!

# N.I.P. NOTHING IN PARTICULAR

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## GOOD THINGS OF THE LATE '80'S:

- Ramp parks
- Speed Wheels
- "The Naked Gun"
- Turf Skate Park
- Poweredge
- Naked Raygun:  
"Understand" LP
- Indy Stage V
- Jason Jessee
- Virginia Beach,  
Va. public support
- Metallica
- Regular Dogs
- Street skating
- Gwar

## *Don't let 'em grind you down.*

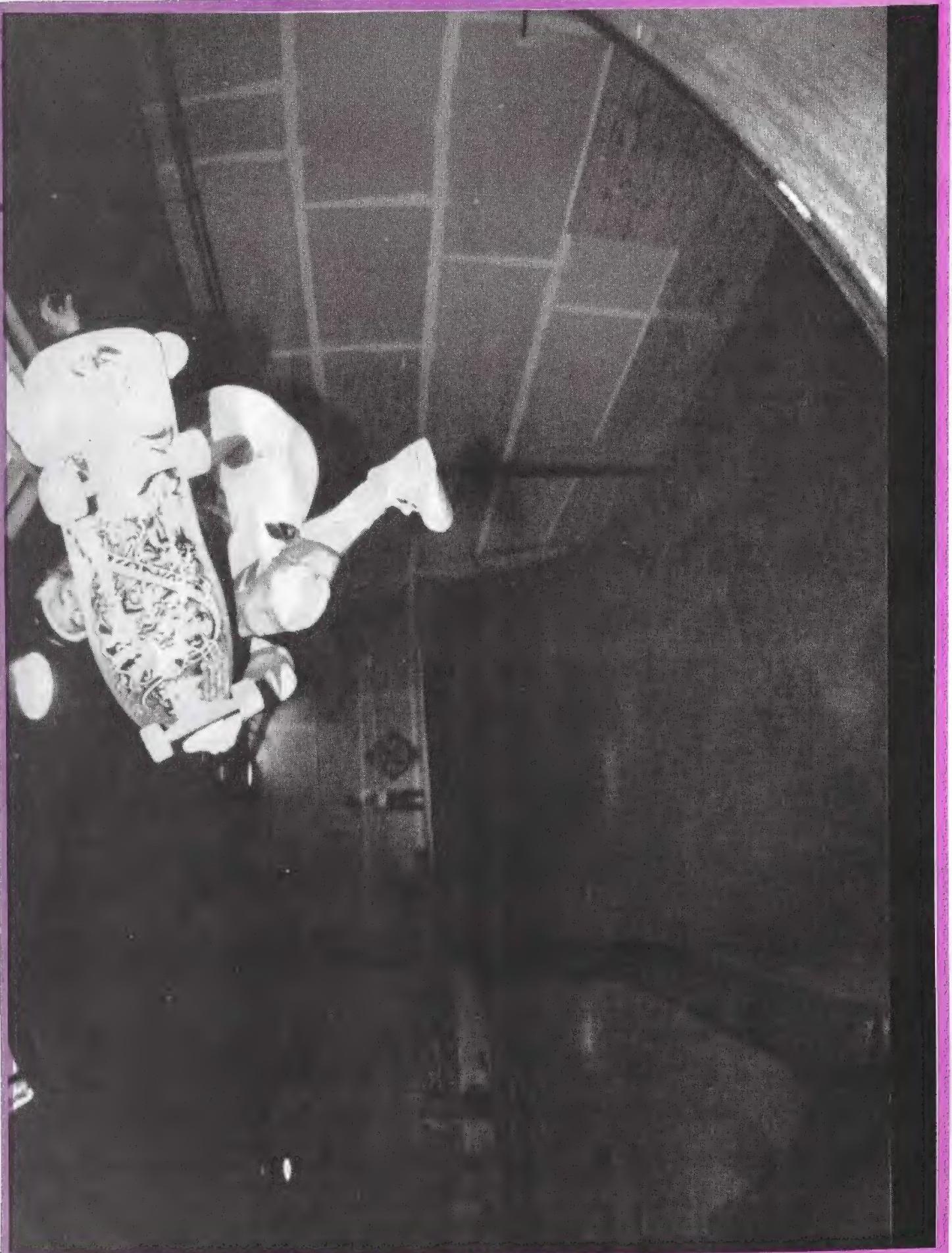
Peer pressure, why deal with it? You're young or old, it means nothing. Being original is more important and more self satisfying than going with the flow just to fit in. Do what you honestly feel is right in any situation. "Noise is for Heroes, Music's for Zero's" - The Damned.

Do you thoroughly enjoy skateboarding, or do you do it so you can be cool? I'm talking about the art of skateboarding, not the idolization of the pros, not the latest tricks you saw on the last video, not the magazines, clothes or stickers, just skateboarding. Do you know people who stopped skating because they thought, (or heard from someone), it was no longer the cool thing to do? Did they site age as their reason? Or maybe an injury? If they did, they buckled to that soul crushing situation commonly diagnosed as peer pressure.

Let's say you're in favor of no school on Saturdays, (which we don't have, thank God). A group of people surround you and rifle every reason why you should go to school on the cartoon sabbath. Ya gonna buckle? You gonna turn into a Saturday school robot? School's cool five days a week, a must, but you're not into changing the way you feel because your buddies think you should. And the same thing goes for skateboarding. I know people in their twenties and thirties who still ride. These "old men" never buckled to their "pals" who told them to quit, or slagged skating in their presence. No, they did what made them happy while those old buddies of theirs got fat, unhealthy, and just plain clueless.



This is Ross of Milwaukee, an A-day 27 year old who skates and never sleeps. Try and slag him if it. Keenan photo.



**JOE  
SPALLIERO**

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## JOE SPALLIERO INTERVIEW

### **SN - JUST TALK INTO HERE, THE MIKE.**

JS - I could do that, buddy. My name is Joe "Pine" Spalliero. I'm 21. I live in San Jose, of course. Wouldn't live anywhere else, buddy. Get a grip, start skating, stop whining. Come on, now. I'm sponsored by Santa Cruz, Indy I guess, Sessions, Converse sometimes. Started skating at Winchester with my bros. Thought I didn't? Skating to the Sex Pistols, "EMI". Just kept skating, entered contests.

**SN - WAS WINCHESTER THE ONLY PARK YOU RODE?** JS - Yeah, Well, I rode Del Mar once. I got a hole in my shin from Gavin, started squirting blood.

**SN - WHAT WAS YOUR SOLUTION WHEN WSP CLOSED?** JS - Built a ramp called PINE TREE with some kook named Steve. Skated it everyday after school. Never really skated street that much. It was a little eight foot high ramp, something to skate. Clean back yard sessions. All the people I know skated it. Tim Piumarta got me on Santa Cruz after Aguilar put a good word in for me. Roskopp used to give me boards, then Tim said one year, "You're going to Del Mar", for the contest. I screwed up because I couldn't skate that pool very good. That's alright, though. No problem.

**SN - DID YOU HAVE A LOW OPINION OF DEL MAR?** JS - No, I liked it. I just didn't think it was a good place for a contest. That's just my opinion, though. I can't skate pools that rad, but I like skating them. Clean. I pretty much skate vert. I skate other things, too; mini ramp every once in awhile.

### **SN - YOU SKATE STREET PRETTY GOOD?**

JS - Yeah, I can skate street when I get into it. I don't skate it everyday, though. I skate everything. Skated Uvis a few times.

**SN - YOU GOT INTO THE NSA AMATEUR CIRCUIT, THEN WHAT?** JS - My first couple NSA contests I... well, actually I've gotten top 10 in all my NSA contests, up to my second year when I started placing top 5. That's what I did last year. We'll see this year, buddy. Took a downfall, got hurt, broke my ankle. It happened at Raging Waters.

**SN - WHAT ABOUT THAT PLACE?** JS - It was cool. I don't know, Andy didn't like me but I liked the ramp. It was clean and big, but that hip was useless unless you could dial it. Some people could, but I couldn't get a hang of it. I got 7th at the am contest, fully ripped off. It was cool though. Didn't care, just skated.

**SN - HOW DID YOU DO IN OTHER CONTESTS?** JS - Mush ramp. I got 3rd. I was ripping that contest.

### **SN - DO YOU EVER PLAY THE LOTTERY?**

JS - I bought one or two tickets in my lifetime. Won a dollar one time and never turned it in.

### **SN - DIDN'T YOU GET INTO A WRECK**

**RECENTLY?** JS - I was so bummed. Two big trucks ran me off the road. I ran into two trees, hit a guard rail. I woke up on my hood, eyeball was hangin'. Had a couple stitches. It was burnt man, but at least I lived. I don't know what I'd do sittin' six feet under. That ain't cool.

**SN - HAVE YOU VENTURED OUT OF CALIFORNIA FOR SKATEBOARDING?** JS - I went back to Milwaukee. That park ripped! Got a little crazy there, but it's cool. Skated a couple contests in Arizona. That's about it. Been down south hella times though.

### **SN - WHAT ABOUT YOUR PLANS FOR THIS YEAR?**

JS - I'm just going to do all the tricks I'm doing right now, really powerful. I'm going to skate clean, I want to do really good this year. I missed the NW District contest in Seattle because of my accident, so I've got to enter at Vans in the SW District like I did last year.

**SN - WHO'S GOING TO STAND IN YOUR WAY DOWN THERE?** JS - Probably Sallician and Youssefpour. I'm sure there's a couple other guys that I can't remember. When I skated down there last year I got 5th and there were a lot of good dudes down there. Tony Chiala will do good.

**SN - HE'S PRO NOW.** JS - Well, there goes one of them. I don't know about my buddy Aguilar switching to Hosoi. That ain't cool, Ag. I hope you're readin' this, buddy. That ain't cool. No offense to that team or nothing, but you can't be quittin' like Fab. Where's Grom? \*

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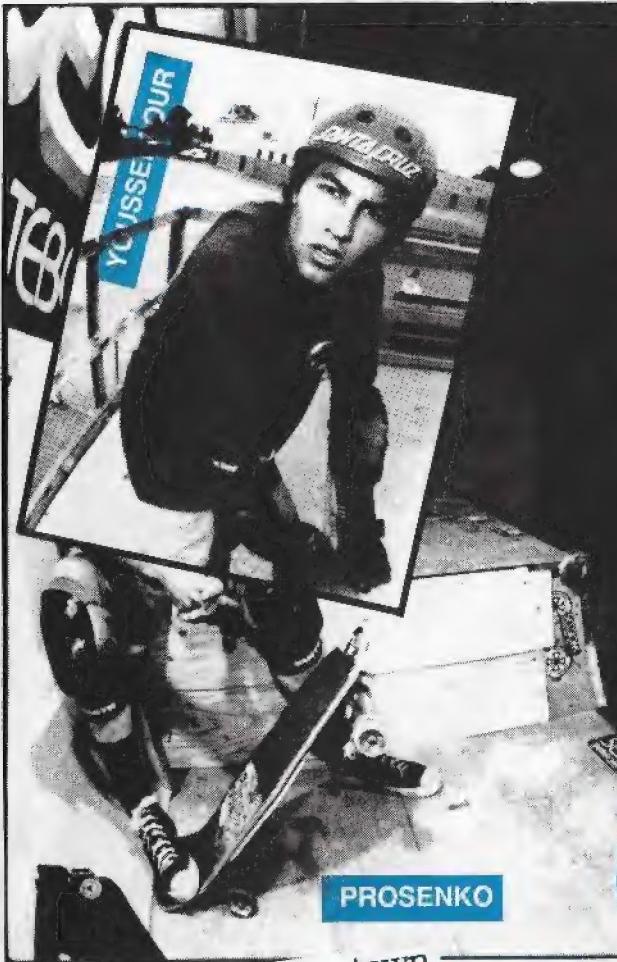
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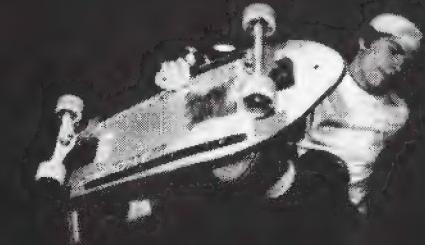


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# BOX CHATTER

## Going overboard downtown

If skateboards are really a hazard in San Jose, ban them from busy sidewalks

**T**HE new granite sidewalks are getting all scraped up by skateboarders, and the San Jose City Council is thinking about punishing the boards from the whole downtown.

Fine. So what's next?

Trucks cause potholes? Get 'em off the road. People track grime from buildings during rain season? Keep 'em out. Kids rip up the turf on ball fields? What serve. Throw 'em off.

Of course, that's not serious. And we can't believe the council is serious either when it considered banning skateboarding from all of downtown — from blocks from Route 17 to Fourth Street and from Interstate 80 to Julian Street.

There is not a lot of granite on Julian Street. So what's the story?

As Paul also discovered in its pedestrian-unfriendly downtown, skateboards can be a hazard on sidewalks. They go fast, and not all trotters are agile enough to dodge when a pack of skateboarders careers down the walkway on mass. It's intimidating, if not life-threatening.

So if skateboards are a real hazard on

the new transit mall or other busy shopping areas, then ban them from the crowded blocks. No problem.

Eric Street.

A general ban would be downright unfair. Oh, sure, kids skateboard in Dubbo, just like they surf in New Jersey.

But it's not the same. Here, skateboarding is part of the culture, like eating spaghetti. It's really is too bad about the damaged granite — one of the hardest surfaces known to man, who'd have thought it would scratch and scrape? (Well, maybe somebody could have thought to ask, but never mind.)

It's like parents who put expensive carpet in the playground and then discover it gets matted and awful when the kids romp on it. What can you do? Kids play in playgrounds. And hereabouts, kids — some pretty old kids at that — stace on sidewalks.

For public safety, regulating skateboards is fair, just as we regulate bikes — and even pedestrians, who are supposed to cross at crosswalks.

If the city council is convinced there's a danger, then make the kids carry the boards for a few blocks.

But if the real issue is not public safety but cosmetics — well, granite's pretty, but skateboards were here first. Let 'em roll.



**TOM KNOX**, the punk from Visalia, the rookie pro street skater who everyone speaks highly of, took 1st place at the NSA Chicago Shootout. After his last run in the contest, the rest of the Santa Cruz team played 'Smear the Queer' with him. **ERIC DRESSEN** placed fourth.

Other places: **ROSS GOODMAN**: 1st in vert, NSA, N.W. District.

**MIKE PROSENKO**: 1st, Reno Mini Ramp.

**DAVE LEROUX**: 1st in vert at Aquatennial and 1st in vert at NSA, N.C. District.

**MIKE YOUSSEFOUR**: 1st in vert, Linda Vista

**BOD BOYLE**: 1st European Championship

**SIMON LEVINE**: 1st, Virginia Beach Pro Slalom

**Steve Keenan** and **Jason Jessee** got Santa Cruz Dot tattoos on their ankles. The vert ramp at the San Jose Warehouse got re-plied. The mini ramp might be replaced by a bowl. **Gregor Rankine** has built a killer Australian team to combat the street wearing legions. **Mike Conroy** rides for SMA. Lookout for him, he's a machine that just turned pro. **Corey O'Brien** has got back into vertical again. **Beaz Lovelace** can't go fast enough. **Flej Hedges** placed 21st at his first pro contest at Vans (out of about 80 entrants). He and his mate, Cristina, gave birth to a bouncy baby boy as well. **Jason Jessee** and his girl, Heather, are moving to the town of Santa Cruz. If a house is purchased, a pool will be built, and you can bet it will never be filled with aqua. He speaks of his new band, TREE. Was his Transworld Pro Spotlight zany enough for you?

**SANTA CRUZ'S** Pro Team tours Europe and Australia in early November. **Salba** broke his wrist skating, you guessed it, a pool. No big, now he's really mad. Let's have a pro pool contest and see.

**ANOTHER DUMB**

# **QUESTIONNAIRE**



Okay ghouls, the last questionnaire we conducted was answered by thousands of you. Thanks alot. Now, here's another l'il sample of just how nosey we can be. Incidentally, NHS stands for Novak, Haut, and Suirman.

FIRST 22 responses are immediately inducted into the STRANGE NOTES SECRET SERVICE.

SECOND 22 responses receive a cool STRANGE NOTES T-shirt. (Send your responses by Oct. 22.)

**HEWITT**

1. Age? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Magazine you hate most? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Worst board you've ever owned? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Worst video ever viewed? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What shoes do you skate in? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Which skateboarding company has the worst ads? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Which nationally known skater really ticks you off? \_\_\_\_\_
8. TV station you watch most and the city it's located in? \_\_\_\_\_  
Radio station you listen to and its city? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Your opinion on contests: (Check one box:)  
 The worst    All right    Totally into 'em    In love with 'em.
10. Rate our new video "Streets on Fire" between one and 10. \_\_\_\_\_
11. What's the worst thing about skateboarding? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Who do you hate most in the world of skateboarding? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Did you see video "Strange Notes" #1? (Check box below:)  
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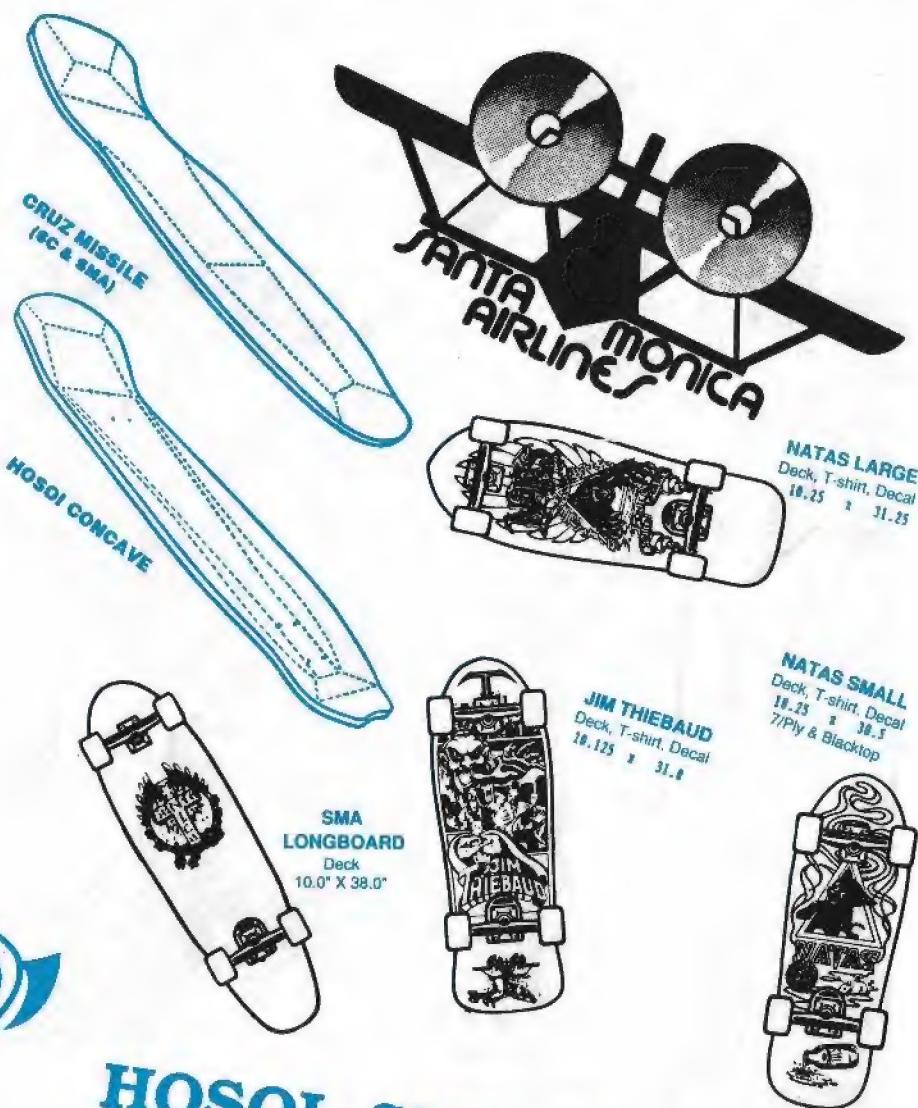


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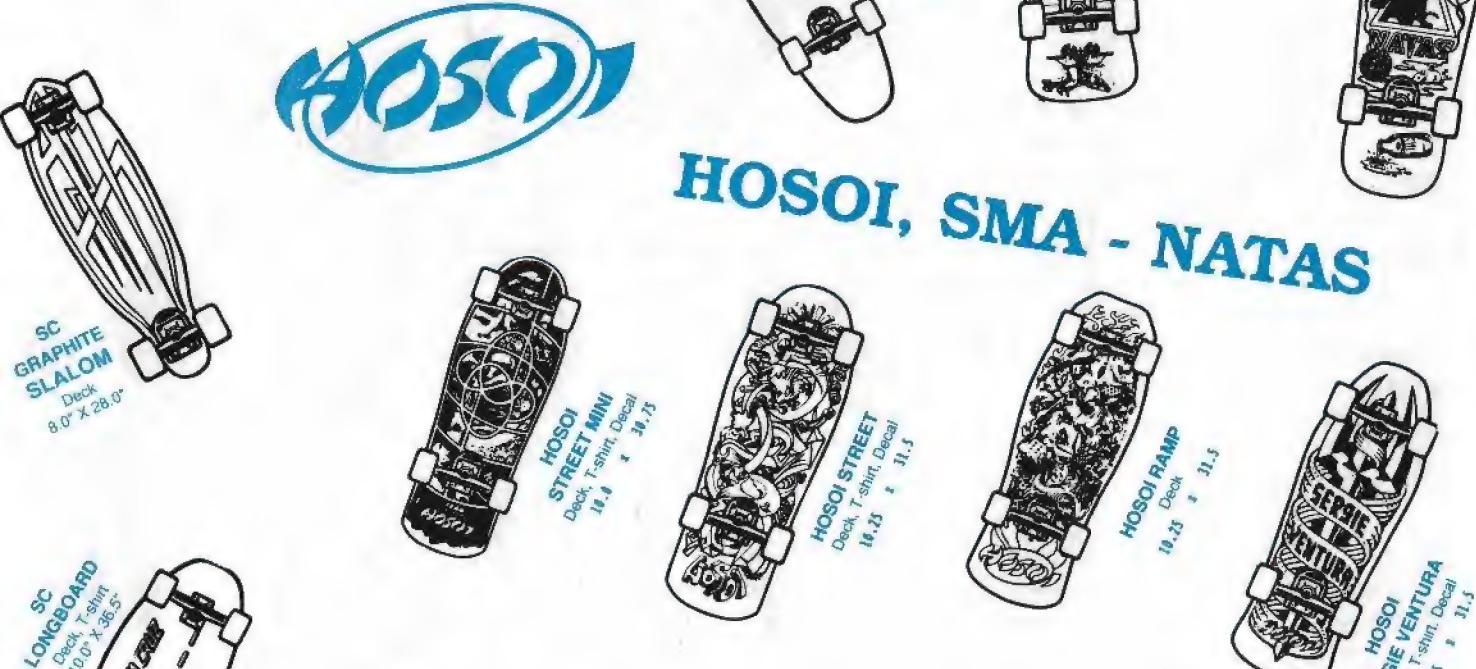
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Our skateboards are available in the popular "mini" or "street" sizes as well as **Freestyle, Longboard** and standard full sizes. Each shape is carefully designed and tested by our pro riders to ensure quality, function, performance and style.



### HOSOI, SMA - NATAS



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## INDEPENDENT TRUCK COMPANY

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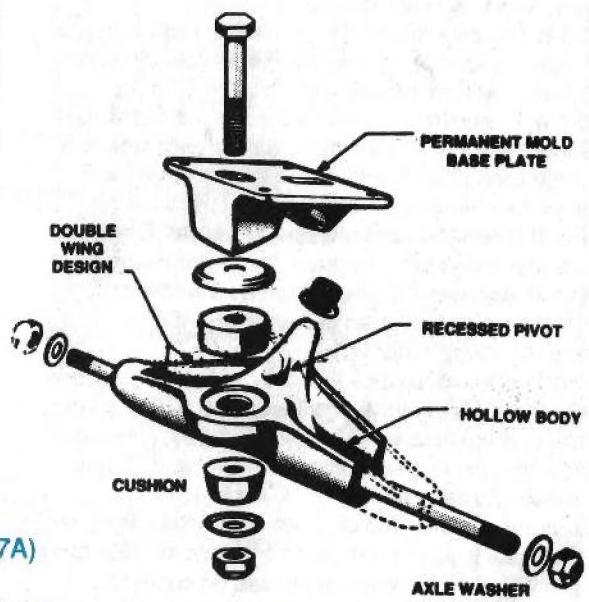
## INDEPENDENT TRUCK SIZES

TRUCK	DECK TYPE	DECK WIDTH
101mm	Freestyle/Slalom	7.0"-8.0"
149mm - V	Mini or street	9.0" - 9.75"
159mm - V	Mini, street, ramp	9.75" - 10.5"
169mm - V	Ramp	10.0" - 11.0"
215mm	Ramp or sailboard	11.0" - +

**Independent Truck Cushions** - Available in red (92A) or blue (97A) urethane, come four to a pack w/cup washers.

**Independent Speed Rings** - Axle washers designed to reduce friction on the wheel bearings, eight to a pack.

**Replacement parts** - Each component of the Independent Truck is available individually for replacement, overhauls or truck tune-ups.



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## SPEED WHEEL SPECS

Each Speed Wheel design is poured from its own unique "Elite Urethane" blend, the fastest, on command slideable slip to grip ratio urethane available. Each formula and wheel design is abuse tested by our pro riders to ensure no chipping, no coning, no bearing seat stretch, no softening and no speed loss. Hands down, Elite Urethanes are the best.

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92A Street - Smooth, fast, durable.

95A Combo - For street, pool or ramp.

97A Ramp - Hard, resilient, pro's competition choice.

**Bullet Church Glass** - Sharp 60° conical both sides. Maximum no flex edge for speed. Sharp cutting edges allow for controllable hold and grab on lips and curbs.

**Bullet Coffin Cut** - Same design as Church Glass but with 1/8" groove cut in center. Less road surface for higher speed and lighter weight.

**Bullet 63mm** - Cross between the Bullet 60 and 66. Narrow road surface for speed. Conical edge both sides.

**Bullet 66mm** - Max diameter and no flex edge for speed. More material for longer wear. Speed is it.

**Bullet Roadweapon** - Commuter wheel for distance skating. Largest, fastest, rolls over anything.

**Hosoi Rockets by OJ II** - Designed by Christian Hosoi. Double conical face allows for smooth transition to vertical surfaces. Preferred radius back for smooth release.

**Hosoi Sky Rockets by OJ II** - Designed by Christian Hosoi. Dual conical face, radius back, narrow road surface for speed.

**OJ II Elites** - Super glide preferred radius design. Forgiving, smooth and catch free on lips and curbs. Great all around wheel.

**OJ II Freestyle** - Designed to extend flush with the edge of Freestyle boards without axle washers. Large conical back with a clean outer edge for catch free skating.

**OJ II Freez/street** - Same design as Freestyle but with a wider road surface for longer wear.

**OJ II Slalom** - Same design as Teamrider 61mm but poured in an 89A Insane-a-thane formula. Grippy and fast.

**OJ II Streetrazor** - Perfectly balanced, completely reversible matching radius edges. Quick & light.

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**Slimeball Spewage** - Midsize Slimeball with flow radius lips for catch free skating.

**Slimeball Vomits** - No flex edge, preferred radius design. More meat for longer wear; close to OJ II Elite, skater's preference.

## SPEED WHEELS



Bullet Church Glass

60mm

92A - bk, p, w, y, b

95A - bk, p, w, y, b

97A - p, w, b



Bullet Coffin Cut

60mm

97A only

white, yellow



Bullet

63mm

92A - bk, y

95A - bk, p, y

97A - white



Bullet

66mm

92A - bk, p, w, y

95A - bk, p, w, y

97A - p, w, y



Bullet  
Road Weapon

80mm

88A - bk, b



OJ II Elite

60mm

92A - bk, p, w, y, b

95A - bk, p, w, y, b

97A - p, w, y



OJ II Freestyle

57mm

97A only

white, yellow



OJ II Freez/Street

57mm

92A - bk, p

95A - bk, w



OJ II Hosoi Rocket

60mm

92A - bk, w

95A - bk, p, w

97A - w



OJ II Hosoi  
Sky Rocket, 63mm

92A - bk, w

95A - bk, p, y

97A - w, y



OJ II Slalom

61mm

89A only

yellow



OJ II Street Razor

60mm

92A - bk, w

95A - bk, p, y

97A - w



OJ II  
Teamrider

57, 61, 64mm

92A, 95A, 97A

white only



Slimeball Big Balls

65mm

92A - bk, p, w, y, b

95A - bk, p, w, y, b

97A - p, w, y



Slimeball Spewage

62.5mm

92A - bk, p

95A - bk, w, y

97A - w, y



Slimeball Vomits, 60mm

92A - bk, p, w, y, b

95A - bk, p, w, y, b

97A - p, w, y



Color Key: Bk = black, p = pink, w = white, y = yellow, g = green, b = blue

# CLOTHING

## T-SHIRTS

T-shirts are **heavy duty, super-stitched 100% cotton** printed on both front and back using the same **HOT logos** from our decks, wheels and decals. Available in assorted styles and colors; adult sizes small, medium, large and extra large.



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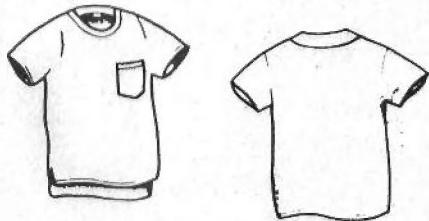
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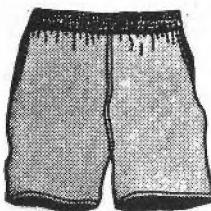
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